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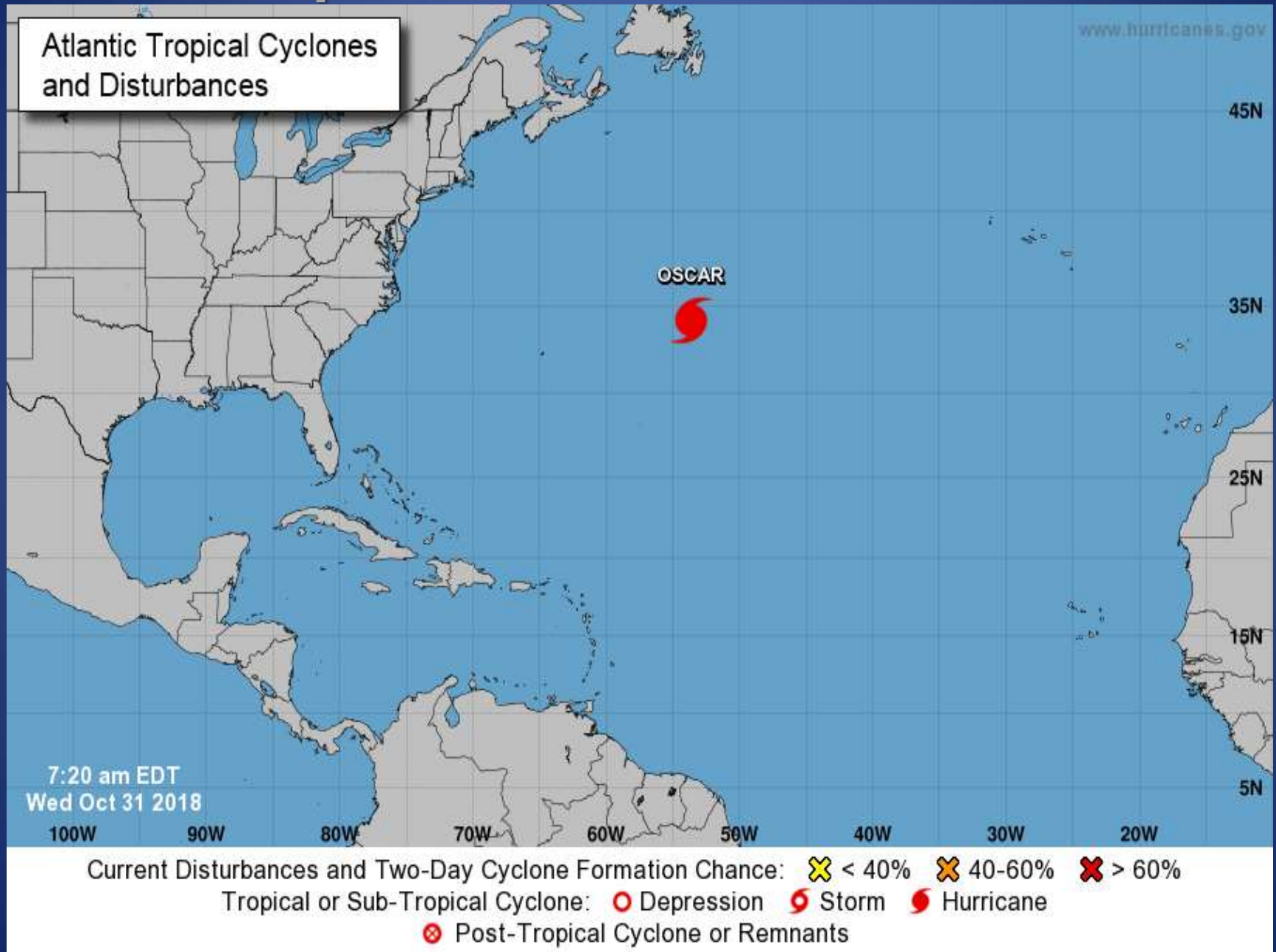


Situation Awareness Brief



**Wednesday, October 31st 2018
As of 0900 CST**

Tropical Weather Awareness



Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	EVENT / INCIDENT	LOCATION (City/County)	Final Report: Y/N
10/31/18	Silver Alert Activation for the Ellis County Sheriffs Office	Ellis County	N
10/31/18	Initial Report of a Road Closure (SH 349)	Midland County	N
10/31/18	Final Report of a Road Closure (SH 349)	Midland County	Y

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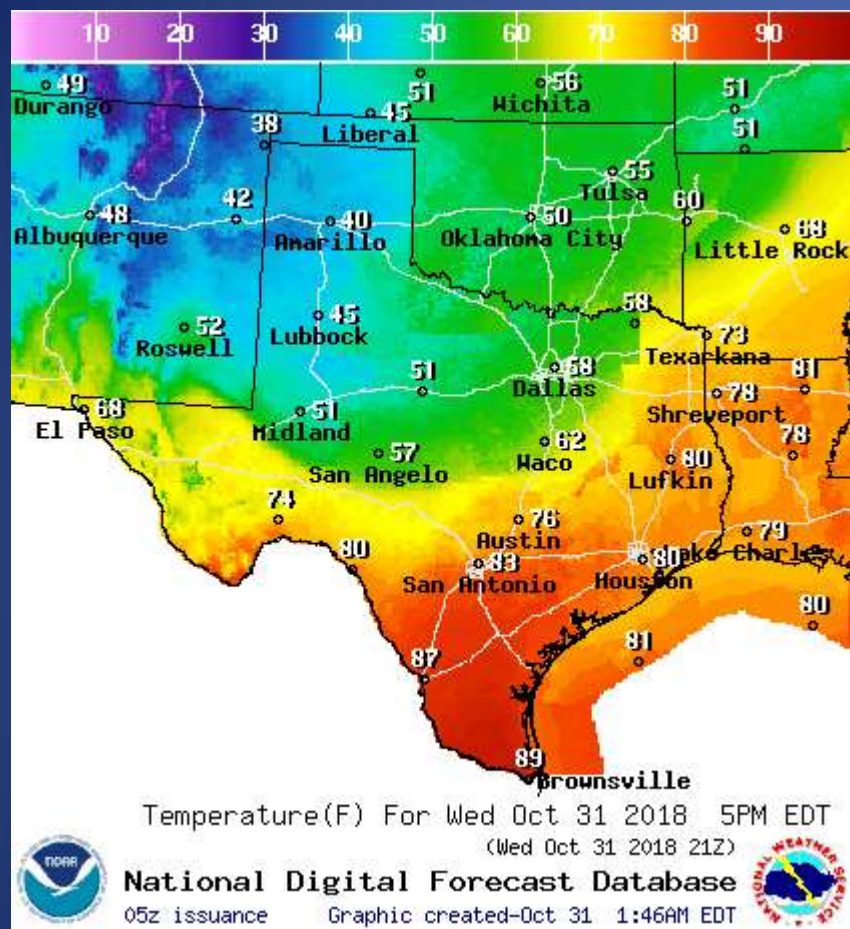
DATE	SUBJECT
10/30/18	NWS Lake Charles Weather Update: Halloween Storms
10/30/18	NWS Houston/Galveston - Strong to Severe Storms Possible Wednesday Afternoon Through Early Thursday Morning
10/30/18	NWS Fort Worth - NWS UPDATE: Halloween Storm System
10/30/18	NWS West Gulf River Forecast Center - Rain and Flood Threat For Halloween

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DATE	SUBJECT
10/30/18	NWS Austin/San Antonio - NWS Update: Halloween Storms
10/30/18	NWS Houston/Galveston - NWS Update: Halloween Weather
10/30/18	FEMA Region 6 Daily Situation Report
10/31/18	NWS Austin/San Antonio: Update: Strong to Severe Storms Possible This Afternoon and Evening
10/31/18	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Wednesday, October 31, 2018 for FEMA Region 6
10/31/18	NWS Shreveport - Today's Severe Weather/Heavy Rainfall Threat
10/31/18	NWS Houston/Galveston - Halloween: Severe Weather Expected This Afternoon and Evening

Weather Forecast

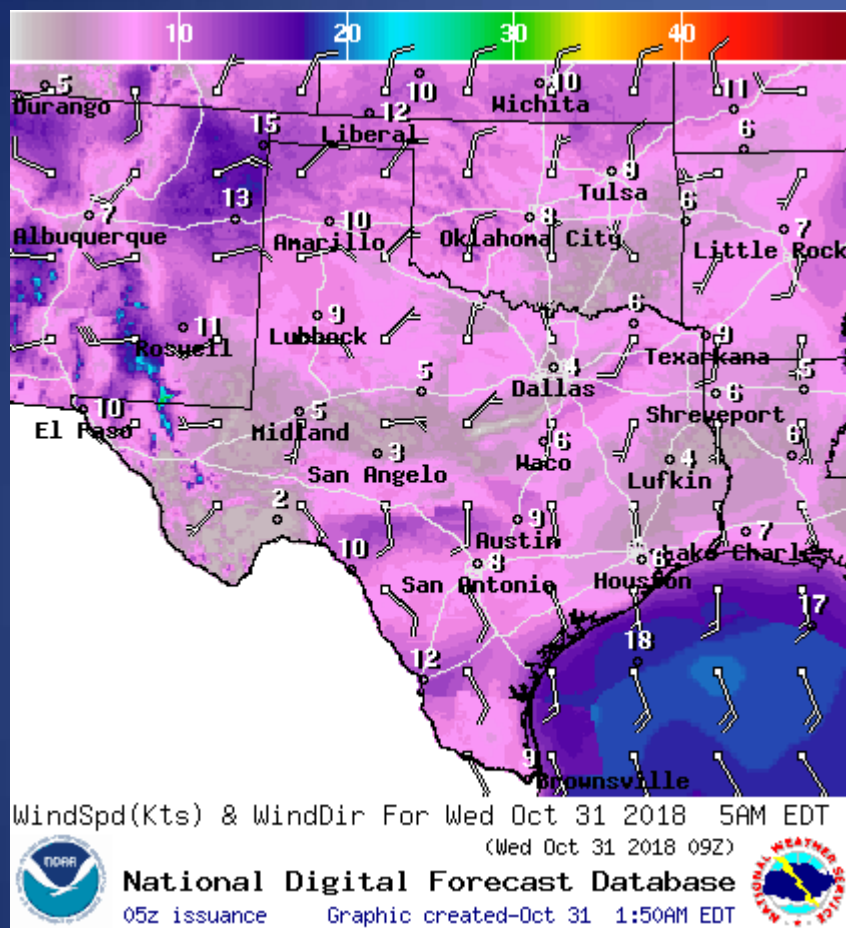


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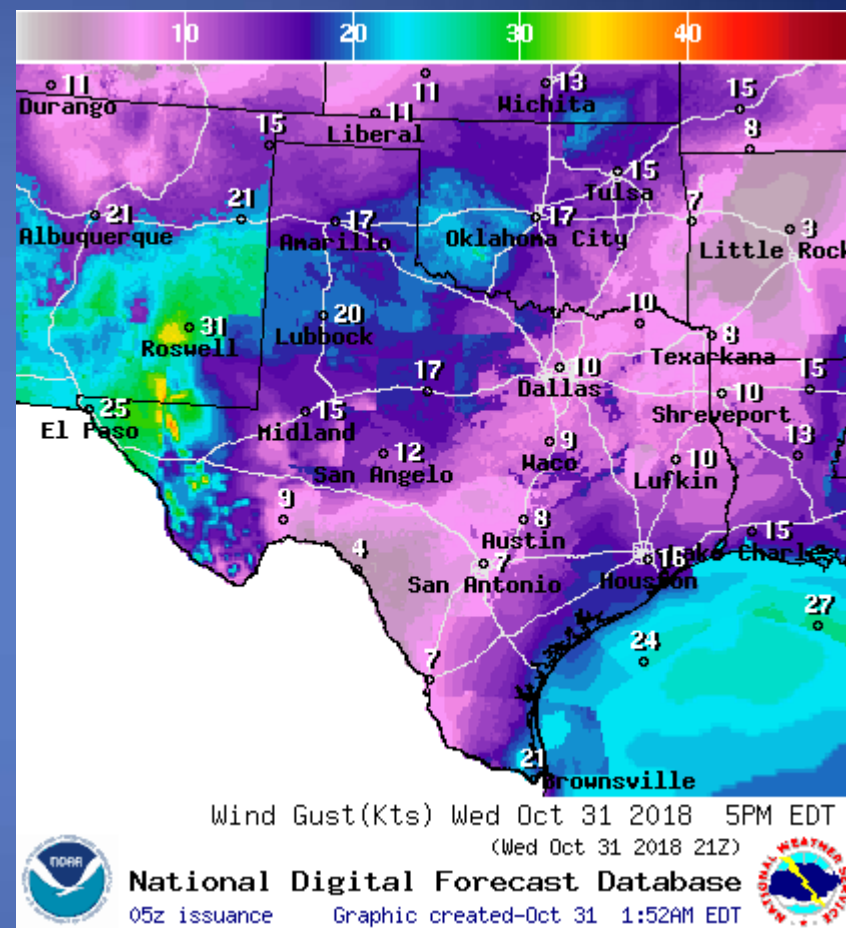


Lows

Weather Forecast



Wind Speeds



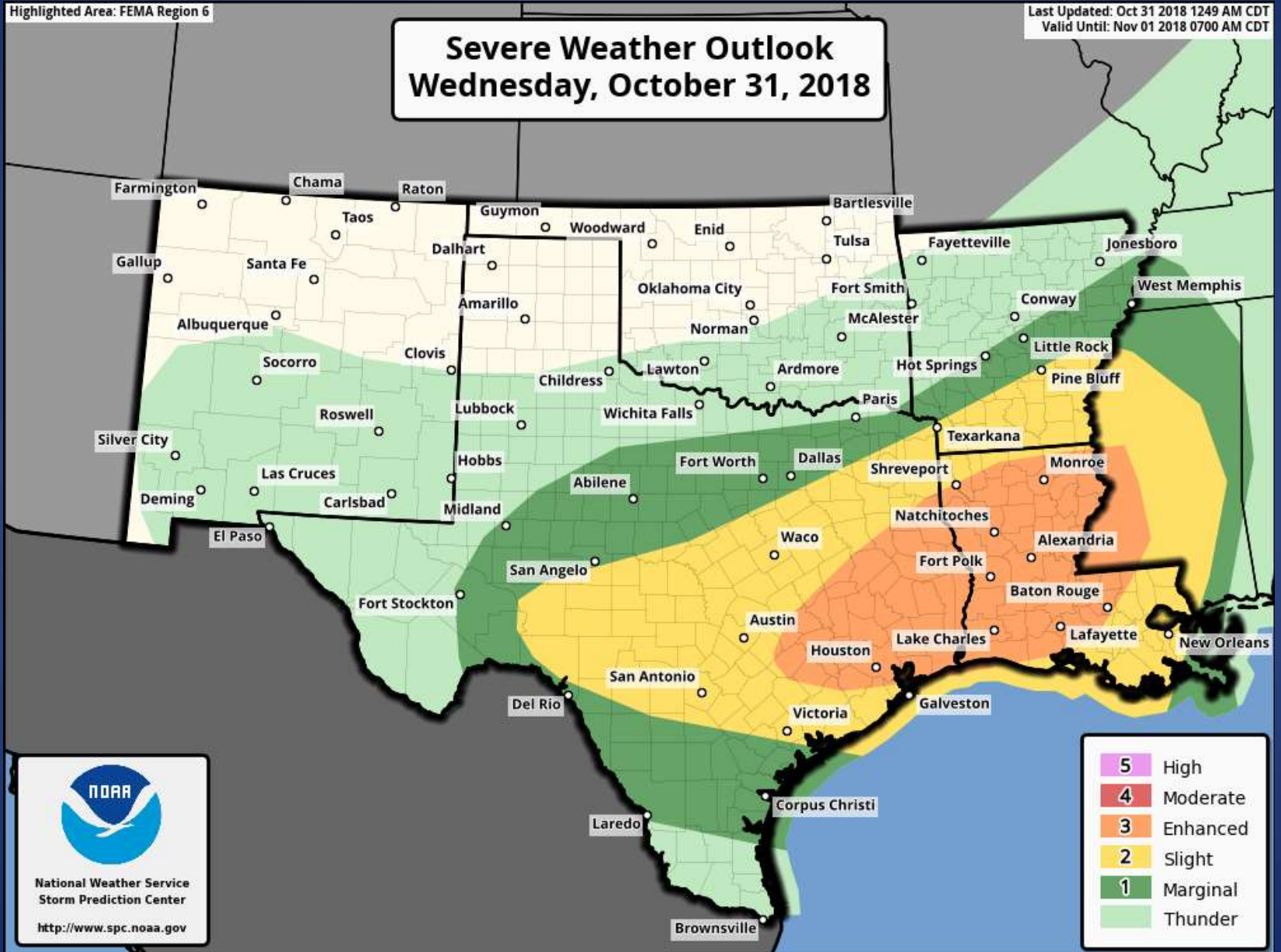
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Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Oct 31 2018 1249 AM CDT
Valid Until: Nov 01 2018 0700 AM CDT

Severe Weather Outlook Wednesday, October 31, 2018



Hazardous Weather

Severe Weather Outlook

This Morning and Afternoon

Weather Forecast Office
Midland/Odessa, TX

Issued October 31, 2018 3:24 AM CT



Threats:



Isolated
Large Hail



60 mph
Wind Gusts



Frequent
Lightning

Preparedness Actions

+ Always have a severe weather safety plan in place no matter what category your area is in.

+ Have multiple ways to receive warnings.

Thunderstorms No severe storms expected	1 – Marginal Isolated severe storms possible	2 – Slight Scattered severe storms possible
3 – Enhanced Numerous severe storms possible	4 – Moderate Widespread severe storms likely	5 – High Widespread severe storms expected



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A few severe storms possible this afternoon and evening

Mainly south of a Brownwood to San Angelo to Barnhart line

Weather Forecast Office
San Angelo, TX

Issued Oct 31, 2018 5:09 AM CDT



Risk Level

Slight

Marginal

Tornado Potential

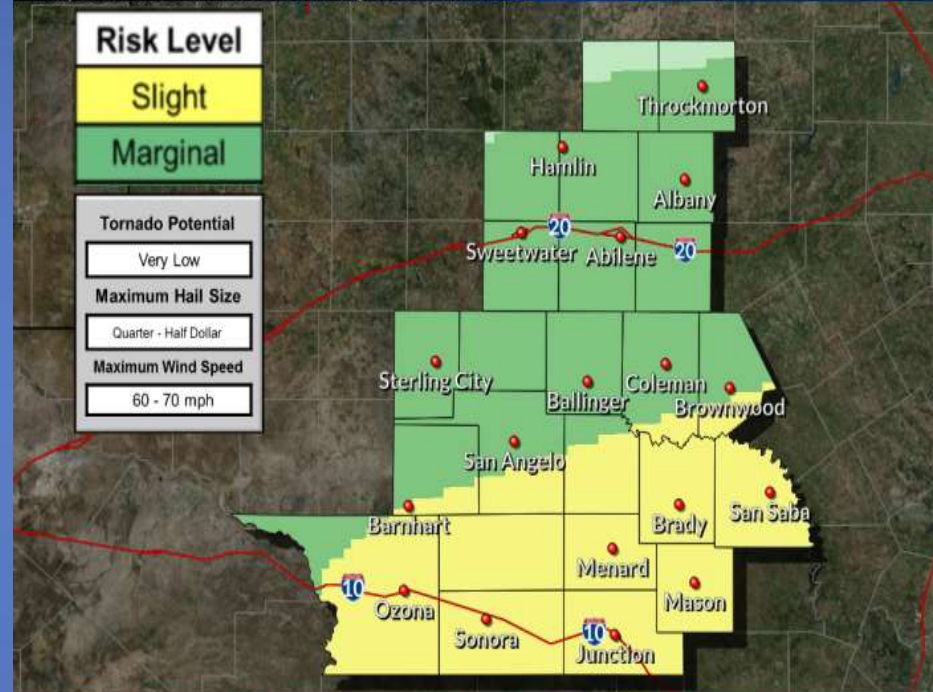
Very Low

Maximum Hail Size

Quarter - Half Dollar

Maximum Wind Speed

60 - 70 mph



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A few severe storms are possible this afternoon and evening, mainly south of a Brownwood to San Angelo to Barnhart line.

Hazardous Weather

Strong to Severe Storms Possible

Best Chance This Afternoon

Weather Forecast Office
Austin/San Antonio, TX
Issued Oct 31, 2018 4:52 AM CDT



Strong to Severe Thunderstorms
Possible North of a Line from Del
Rio to Karnes City

Chance of Precipitation (%)



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A cold front will bring a chance for showers and thunderstorms to South Central Texas. Some of these storms could be strong to severe along and north of a line from Del Rio to Karnes City. Large hail and damaging winds are the most likely threat. High temperatures will range from the lower 70s to the middle 80s.



Severe Weather Potential

A Few Strong to Severe Storms Possible

Impacts:



- ☐ Best chances for strong storms: late this afternoon through tonight.
- ☐ Impacts will be:

Victoria Crossroads

- ✓ Damaging Winds
- ✓ Large Hail

Rest of South Texas

- ✓ Strong Winds
- ✓ Small Hail

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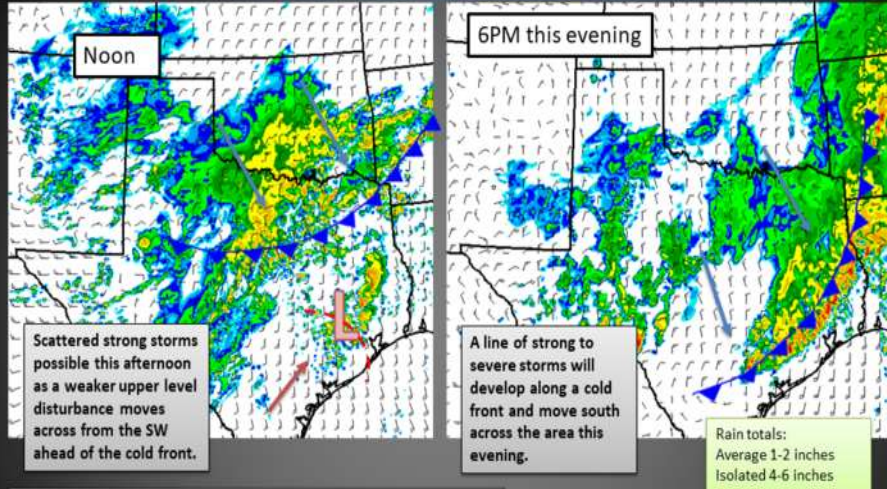
Scattered thunderstorms are expected to develop this afternoon and tonight ahead of an approaching cold front. A few of these storms may become severe in the Victoria Crossroads with large hail and damaging winds as the primary threats. Elsewhere across South Texas, strong storms will be possible with strong winds and small hail.

Hazardous Weather

Stormy This Afternoon and Evening

Please remain weather aware!

Weather Forecast Office
Houston/Galveston, TX
Issued October 31, 2018 6:36 AMCT



What:

- Strong/Severe storms possible along and south of a cold front

When:

- Most favorable time period 4pm-10pm

Hazards:

- Primary: wind damage, hail, isolated **tornadoes**
- Secondary: street flooding

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Active weather remains possible this afternoon and evening. A weaker disturbance moving in from the SW will help to produce scattered strong to marginally severe thunderstorms this afternoon. The main event will be this evening with the passage of a cold front. A line of strong to severe thunderstorms will be developing along this boundary. The primary threats include damaging winds, hail and isolated tornadoes. Locally heavy rains will also be possible.

Severe Threat Increasing

This Afternoon and Tonight

Weather Forecast Office
Shreveport, LA
Issued Oct 31, 2018 3:07 AM CDT



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Strong to severe storms will develop by this afternoon, as a cold front moves across our area. Please stay weather aware and be prepared to take action should warnings be issued!

Hazardous Weather

Wednesday Highs/Rain Chances

High temps and rain chances 7am to 7pm Wednesday

Weather Forecast Office
Lake Charles, LA
Issued Oct 31, 2018 5:05 AM CDT



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Wednesday: Active day shaping up for Wednesday as thunderstorm chances increase by afternoon and into the evening hours ahead of an approaching cold front. Some storms may be strong to severe with damaging wind, large hail, and isolated tornadoes all possible. Storms generally expected to be scattered in nature through evening before a squall line pushes through along the front overnight into Thursday. High temperatures warm into the low 80s Wednesday ahead of the front with moderate southerly winds.

Severe Thunderstorm Outlook

Severe Thunderstorms Expected Overnight

Weather Forecast Office
Lake Charles, LA
Issued Oct 31, 2018 7:13 AM CDT

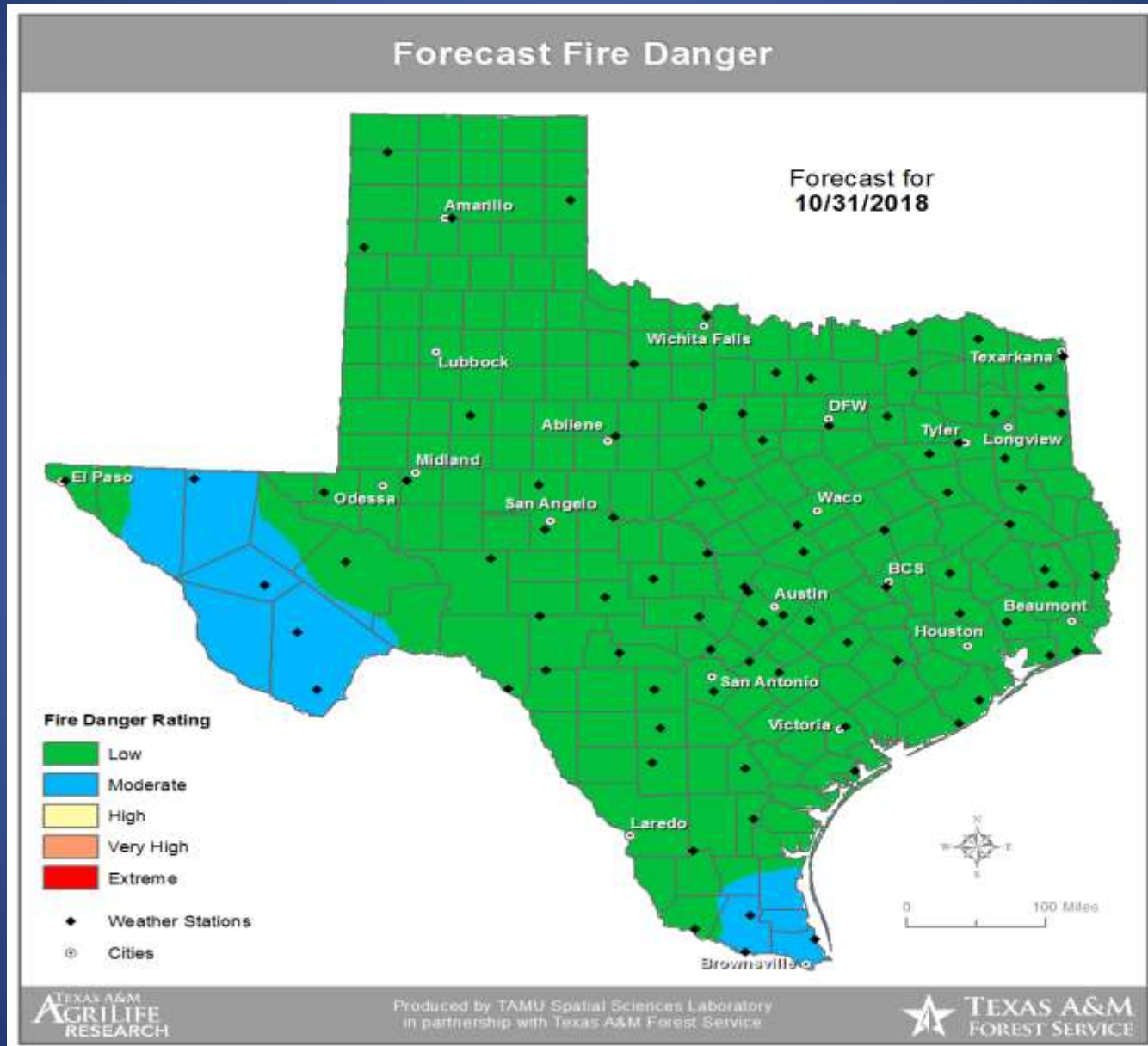


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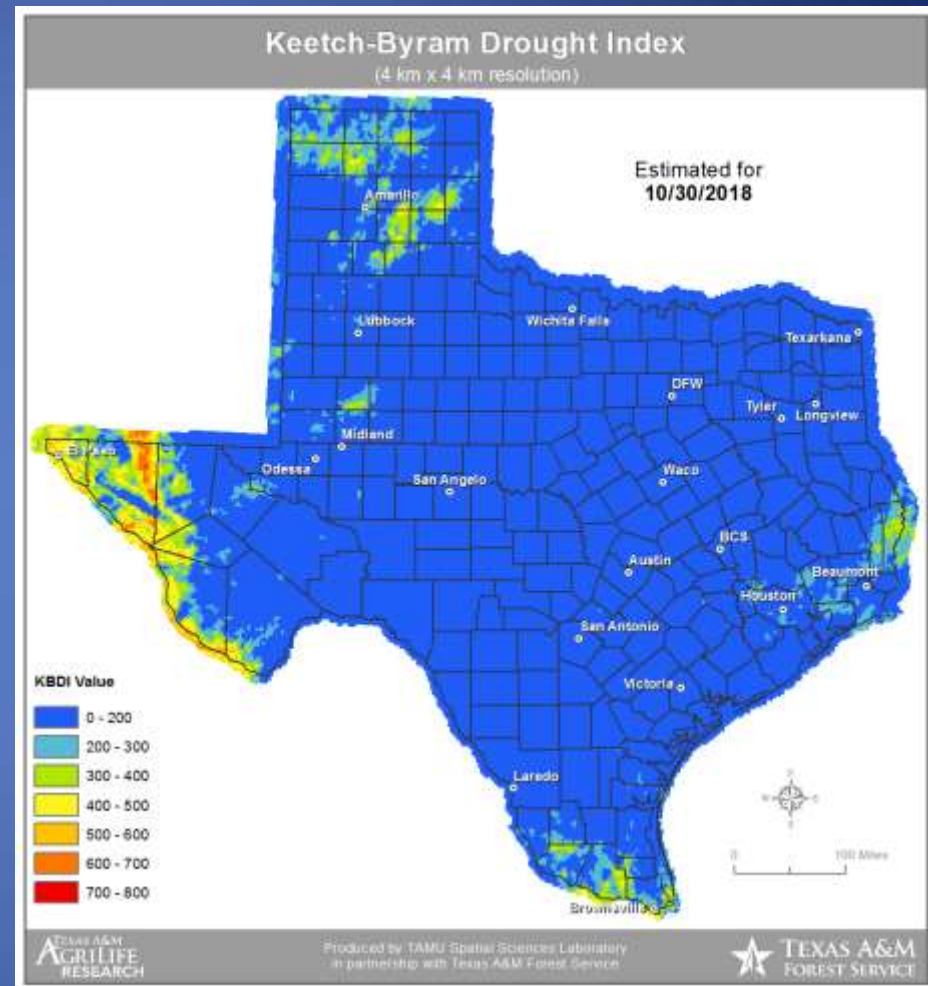
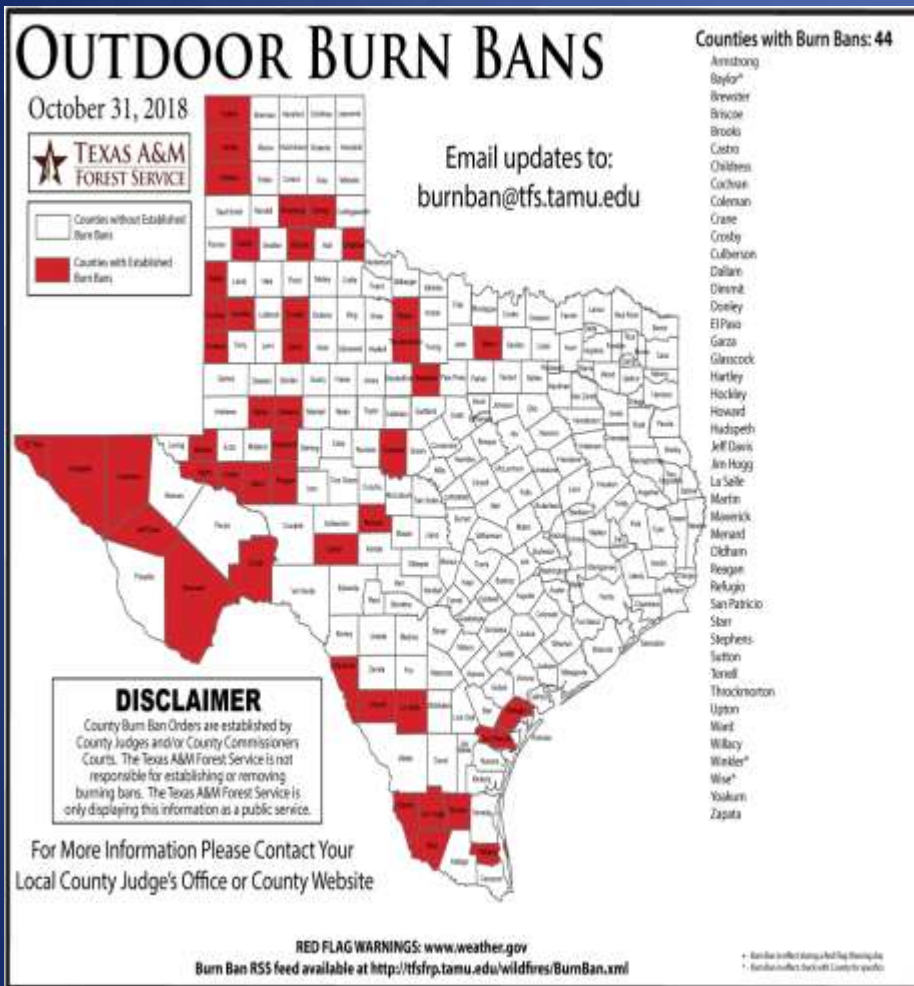
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Day 1 Convective Outlook NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 1249 AM CDT Wed Oct 31 2018 Valid 311200Z - 011200Z ...THERE IS AN ENHANCED RISK OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS FROM PORTIONS OF EASTERN/SOUTHEASTERN TEXAS EASTWARD ACROSS LOUISIANA TO SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI... ...SUMMARY... Severe thunderstorms, capable of producing damaging winds, hail, and a few tornadoes, will be possible from southeast Texas to the lower Mississippi Valley Wednesday evening into the overnight. A few severe storms capable of large hail and damaging winds will be possible across the Edwards Plateau area Wednesday afternoon/evening.

Fire Danger Forecast



Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX



Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 971 (no change) fires and 231,578 (no change) acres destroyed this year. There are 44 (no charge) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list 1 (+1) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
10/29/18	10/31/18	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources Unit Leader (RESL) Course	E/L-965	Coppell
10/29/18	11/02/18	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician – Pro-Board Certification	H-501	Longview
10/30/18	10/31/18	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts (Train the Trainer)	AWR-122-1	Fort Worth
10/30/18	11/01/18	Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	MGT-346	Roma
10/30/18	11/02/18	NFPA 2006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	H-503	Liberty
10/31/18	11/02/18	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) Course	E/L-960	Dickinson
10/31/18	11/02/18	CERT Master Instructor Course	T-517	El Paso

Exercises

DATE(S)		AGENCY/LOCATION	EXERCISE
10/29/18	10/31/18	El Paso OEM	Full-Scale: Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack FSE
10/31/18	10/31/18	FEMA Emergency Management Institute/Virtual	VTTX: Cyber Coordination
11/01/18	11/01/18	FEMA Emergency Management Institute/Virtual	VTTX: Cyber Coordination
11/01/18	11/01/18	Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management/Houston	Tabletop: Addicks Barker Tabletop